

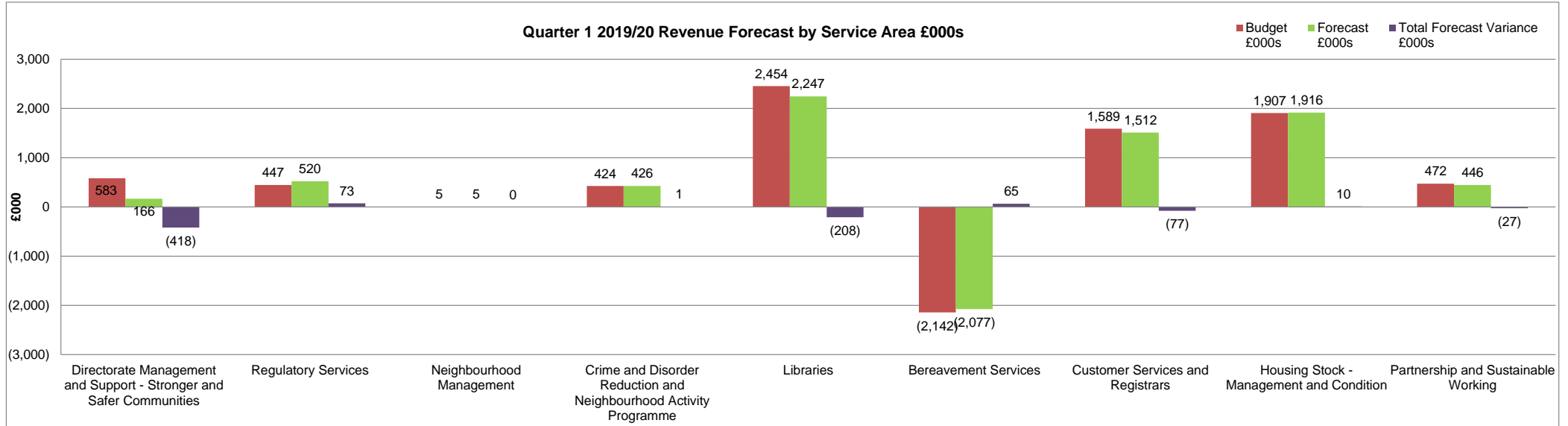
Safer & Stronger Communities Quarter 2 2020/21 Financial Position

Economy and Infrastructure Directorate Position

The context of this Cabinet portfolio position is taken into account with the whole of the Economy and Infrastructure Directorate which is currently forecasting an adverse variance of £1.728million due to the impact of Covid-19 and £1.224million attributable to other factors which is offset by use of reserves (£1.224million).

1. 2020/21 Revenue Position

Current Forecast - £581,000 Favourable Variance



2. Explanations for significant Revenue Variances

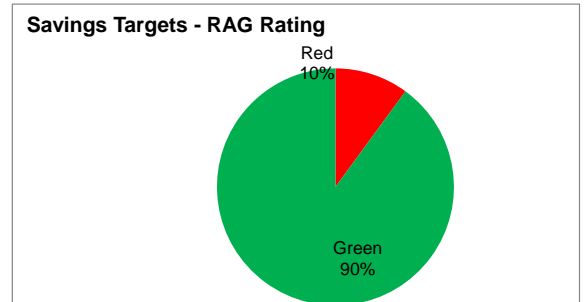
Service Area	Budget £000s	Forecast £000s	COVID Forecast Variance £000	Non-COVID Forecast Variance £000	Total Forecast Variance £000s	Comments
Directorate Management and Support - Stronger and Safer Communities	583	166	17	(435)	(418)	Covid-19 pressure due to support provided to Solihull BID. Non-covid variance from early delivery of savings reinvested in the Directorate as part of Medium Term Financial Strategy and use of reserves to balance the overall Directorate position.
Regulatory Services	447	520	111	(38)	73	Covid-19 pressure from reduced Licensing income partly offset by funding from the income recovery scheme.
Neighbourhood Management	5	5	0	0	0	
Crime and Disorder Reduction and Neighbourhood Activity Programme	424	426	0	1	1	Minor contract spend variation.
Libraries	2,454	2,247	6	(214)	(208)	Covid-19 pressure due to loss of income during Libraries closures net of running costs savings and funding from the income recovery scheme. Non-covid variance due to staff vacancies held pending review of operating model.
Bereavement Services	(2,142)	(2,077)	(151)	217	65	Covid-19 variance due to additional net income from April to June. Non-covid variance due to £60k undelivered savings target and historic budget pressure.
Customer Services and Registrars	1,589	1,512	73	(150)	(77)	Covid-19 pressure due to reduced income for Registration Service, partly offset by funding from the income recovery scheme. Non-covid variance due to vacancies held during pilot of reduced opening hours.
Housing Stock - Management and Condition	1,907	1,916	0	10	10	Minor contract spend variation.
Partnership and Sustainable Working	472	446	0	(27)	(27)	Variance on Kingshurst Youth centre running costs and remaining commissioning budget not yet committed.
Total	5,741	5,160	56	(637)	(581)	

3. 2020/21 Capital Position

Schemes	Budget £000s	Forecast £000s	Variance £000s	Comments
LIBRARIES DIGITAL INCLUSION	18	18	0	Budget for trial of wi-fi printing.
LIBRARIES - MINOR WORKS	44	19	(25)	Budget for works to libraries to enable colocation opportunities. Variance relates to Meridan co-location which is to be removed from the capital programme.
SHIRLEY LIBRARY	11	11	0	Unspent funds from works at Shirley Library in prior years. This budget is to be reallocated to support the programme of colocation works.
LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION	26	26	0	Library Management System was implemented at the end of 2019/20 with final work to fully integrate with existing systems being completed this financial year.
RENOVATION GRANTS	524	524	0	Remaining grant funding for renovation of homes. A policy now how this will be allocated is being developed.
MINOR WORKS ASSISTANCE	38	38	0	Budget available for minor works carried out in private sector homes to assist vulnerable occupiers. Further revenue funding is available to increase this budget.
REGIONAL HOUSING GRANT	15	15	0	Remainder of grant funding from a larger programme.
Total	676	651	(25)	

4. 3 Year Savings Targets £000s

Description of Target	2020/21 £000s	2021/22 £000s	2022/23 £000s	Comments
Reduction in staff mileage expenditure	(9)			Cross directorate target which has been delivered.
Review of Council budgets to remove small value budget lines	(16)			Cross cutting Council target which has been delivered.
Review of the Stronger Communities Directorate		(100)		Review of the Stronger Communities Directorate was carried out in March 2020.
Review of back office functions across the directorate			(14)	Proportion of cross directorate savings target attributable to this portfolio.
Total	(25)	(100)	(14)	



5. Reserves

	Balance as at 31st March 2020 £000's	Planned / Forecast (contribution)/use			Forecast Balance at the end of 2022/23 £000's	Forecast (contribution) /use £000's	Proposed as part of 2021/22 MTFS £000's	Forecast Remaining Balance £000's
		2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's				
Reserve Balance	(1,229)	(109)	376	226	(736)	736	0	(0)